

The first class of the Margaret A. Davidson Graduate Fellowship program has been selected. Welcome and congratulations to all!

Meet the 2020-2022 Davidson Fellows

Twenty-nine students, coming from 24 different universities, are ready to get started! This fellowship program is exciting because of what will be accomplished in the field of coastal resource management, as well as the program's focus on developing tomorrow's class of leaders. Let's see what this first class is looking forward to.

- "This project is a great opportunity for me to not only utilize my experiences from previous research projects, but to expand and refine my practices in collecting visitor data while utilizing new and innovative methods and technologies."
- "I am particularly excited by the idea of collaborating with researchers from within and across disciplines, and the opportunity to apply my results to ecosystem management discussions."
- "I value inclusiveness and empathy . . . and am eager to participate in the comprehensive professional development opportunities offered through the fellowship, including project management, leadership, coastal management skills, and career planning."
- "I want my future career to have a potential impact on both natural resources and the people that benefit from them. I believe that NERRS and places like it would provide me the dynamic career that I am looking for."
- "The primary reason I returned for my PhD is so I can gain experience working on a cross-disciplinary management-oriented project that addresses questions and needs identified by stakeholders. The Davidson Fellowship would provide me the opportunity to conduct PhD work at a NERR site, providing mentorship from individuals from a variety of disciplines, and networking opportunities to further define my career goals."

Thoughts from the Mentors

The success of this program is dependent on the mentors. When asked "what kind of mentor will you be," we received these answers. It's obvious our mentors are dedicated to carrying on the practices this program's namesake embodied.





The Margaret Davidson Legacy

The fellowship honors the legacy of Margaret A. Davidson, a visionary and pioneer in the world of coastal resource management. In true Margaret Davidson fashion, this fellowship program emphasizes professional development, mentoring, and innovation.

About the Program

This new program offers students enrolled in a master's or doctoral program the opportunity to conduct research within one of the 29 national estuarine research reserves. Each two-year project will involve collaborative research, help scientists and communities understand coastal challenges that may influence future policy and management strategies, and offer professional development opportunities to the next generation of coastal professionals.

Program Timeline

Summer 2021 – Call for applications for the 2022-2024 Davidson Fellows September 2022 – Start date of the 2022-2024 Davidson Fellows







